

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to recognize WJOB radio for its commitment and service to Northwest Indiana.

Whereas, WJOB (1230 AM) is a news and talk radio station broadcasting from Hammond, Indiana;

Whereas, WJOB is known throughout Northwest Indiana as an institution of the region, and is currently the only radio station in the United States owned by a Hispanic woman;

Whereas, The history of WJOB begins across the state line in Joliet, Illinois, where the first license was issued to the station, then broadcasting under the call letters WWAE, on November 12th, 1923;

Whereas, A short time later, the station moved to its current home in Hammond, where it starting broadcasting under its current call letters WJOB on October 7th, 1940;

Whereas, It was during this time that the station entered a



golden age, with a wide range of programming popular throughout the region, including the "Happy Hour" Saturday morning program, and programming in five foreign languages, the Polish Musical Varieties Program, the Hungarian Hour, the Slovak Hour, the Greek Hour, and the Spanish Program;

Whereas, During this time, the station began broadcasting its first African-American program, "Rockin-In-Rhythm," and featured the only African-American newscaster in the country to be heard every Sunday, Paul E.X. Brown;

Whereas, By the early years of the 21st century, the station had fallen on hard times, but under the new ownership of Alexis Vazquez Dedelow and Jim Dedelow quickly rebounded and slowly restored itself to its former stature; and,

Whereas, Most recently, WJOB performed one of its greatest public services during the flooding of 2008, when its hosts and newscasters played a major role in directing residents and visitors away from the rising floodwaters: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes the rich history of WJOB in Hammond, Indiana, and its contribution to the state's history, thanks the station and its staff for their services to their neighbors and their community, and wishes them the best of success for the future.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to WJOB in Hammond.

